

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 11, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1443  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1443  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require health insurers to  
provide coverage with minimal or no co-payments for certain  
smoking cessation methods, including:

- (1) Telephone and individual counseling and intervention;
- (2) Prescription coverage for nicotine replacement products  
and tobacco cessation medications; and
- (3) Counseling and medication coverage for smoking cessation  
attempts.

The American Cancer Society in Hawaii, American Heart  
Association, Hawaii COPD Coalition, Papa Ola Lokahi, Hawaii  
Primary Care Association, and a concerned individual testified in  
support of this bill. Kaiser Permanente supported the intent of  
this measure. The Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii and several  
concerned individuals supported this bill with amendments. The  
Hawaii Association of Health Plans opposed this measure. The  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Medical  
Service Association provided comments.

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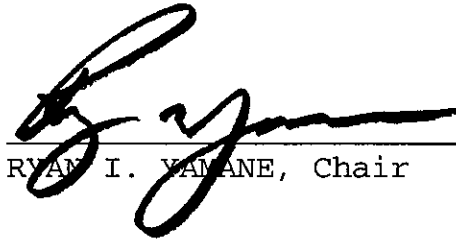


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that information be provided to encourage insureds to consult with their physician about smoking and tobacco cessation options; and
- (2) Adding a requirement that health care coverage must conform to the federal Affordable Care Act.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1443, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1443, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



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RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



